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Title: CONNECTOR ASSEMBLY AND CONNECTING DEVICE FOR STEERING WHEEL

1. Papers enclosed

A. Required for filing date under 37 CFR 1.53(b) (Regular) are:

56 Page(s) of Specification
6 Page(s) of Claims
1 Page(s) of Abstract
13 Sheets of Formal Drawings (Figs. 1-13)

B. Other Papers Enclosed

- ☒ A Patent Application Bibliographic Data Sheet
- ☒ A Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ A Declaration for Utility or Design Application Using an Application Data Sheet
- ☒ A Submission of Certified Copies of Priority Documents and certified copies of:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	2002-283202	September 27, 2002
Japan	2003-186543	June 30, 2003

- ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement
- ☒ PTO Form-1449
- ☒ An Assignment Transmittal and Assignment of the invention to:

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☐ Applicants hereby request that the attached application **not** be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).

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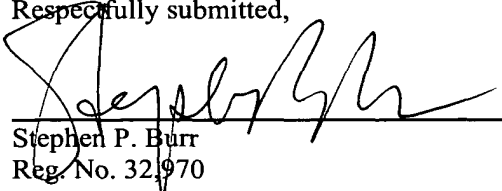
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